

St Michael's Church - Meadowbank  
**The Parish Bulletin**  
 3rd Sunday of Easter C/1



### Entrance Antiphon:

*Cf. Ps 65: 1-2*

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

### 1st Reading:

*Acts 5:27-32,40-41*

We are witnesses to all this: we and the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm:

*Psalms 29(30):2,4-6,11-13*

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

### 2nd Reading:

*Apocalypse 5:11-14*

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

### Gospel Acclamation:

*cf Luke 24:32*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!**

### Gospel: *John 21:1-19*

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

### Communion Antiphon:

*Lk 24: 35*

**The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

### Gospel

*John 21:1-19*



Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out,

'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

### Priest as Pastor, Servant and Shepherd: by Fr James McCarthy

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The Easter season is a time for celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. In many places in the Catholic world, the Easter Season is the time when celebrations of Ordinations often occur. On the 4th Sunday of Easter, on May 3, 2009, the Holy Father ordained nineteen men as priests for the Diocese of Rome.

Three days earlier, on Thursday April 30, in Sydney, Australia, the Archbishop of Sydney ordained four men to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ: Andrew Benton, Julian Belich, Chris Higgins and James McCarthy, the largest Ordination for Sydney since 1988. This was particularly significant for me as I was one of the four ordained on that day. The Ordination was a magnificent celebration of the presence of the Catholic Church in Australia, with over 3,000 in attendance at Sydney's St Mary's Cathedral.

As a 27-year-old recently ordained priest, I am greatly consoled by the fact that throughout the world, the number of men ordained every year is continuing to rise, as is the number of men who are entering seminaries.



**Acknowledgement of the land**

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoiria nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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1st & 3rd SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

2nd SUN 8am - Muntia Gouw

2nd SUN 10 am - Peter & Jenchris

1st & 5th SUN 10am - Mary Towers

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**Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!**

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTION ....CONTINUED**

The priesthood is a unique vocation, and it is unlike any career or profession. When I answered the call to enter into formation for the priesthood, I was studying History and Politics at the University of Sydney. It was in the context of a secular public university that I heard the call to serve God, the Church and our world as a priest.

Since the Ordination, I have been delighted by the love, joy and support that the faithful have shown towards me and it is clear to me that Catholics value the vocation, witness and ministry of priests. However, I was most pleasantly surprised by the support shown by many in our society, especially by people who are not Catholics. Often in Australia, as in other places, faith is incorrectly described as a personal or private concern.

The presence at the Ordination of over 30 politicians from all forms of government in Australia, including the Governor of the State, and more than 40 judges and many people involved in public life, was a sign that the ministry of the Church and the priesthood is a public concern and public support and recognition is appropriate. Furthermore, the large number of representatives of different Ecclesial communities and other faiths was another sign of the desire for religious unity in our world. The priesthood is not of this world, but the priesthood is in this world and it affects our world in a variety of ways.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his Homily for the Presbyteral Ordinations in Rome earlier in May 2009, commented that the priest is in the world, but "we run the risk of also being 'of the world'".

I was drawn towards the priesthood not only because of the priest's role in the Church, but because of the important contribution which priests make to our world, through serving our society and helping to make our communities, with the grace of God, into a more perfect reflection of the Heavenly Kingdom. Catholic priests appear to spend most of their days serving Catholics, but the role and mission of the priest includes the service of all of humanity. Through translating our faith and belief into a language that is accessible to all in our society, the priest dialogues and expresses the truth of God, which nourishes the human consciousness with the fullness of life, which can only be reached through Christ. Through preaching the fullness of life in Christ, the priest is called to be a peaceful, uniting and joyful presence among Christians and all people of good-will. And in living the mission of Christ, the priest participates and serves in Christ's three-fold work as Priest, Prophet and King.

Through a relationship with Christ, the priest becomes the pastor, servant and shepherd, who gathers, teaches and leads all of humanity towards the Kingdom of God, of which the priest is a sign. Through the Sacraments, the priest enters into the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and pours out the graces of God to our world. And through a relationship with the Holy Spirit, a priest helps to sanctify the faithful and brings them into a relationship with God, so that "they may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).

As a young child, I often thought about the possibility that God was calling me to be a priest. When I was preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the age of ten, I was introduced to the story of St Maximilian Kolbe and I was deeply inspired by his life. I read many of his writings, and learnt about his life of sanctity and creativity in preaching the Gospel using different forms of media, often borne out of necessity in opposing the Nazis and preaching in Japan. His heroic death in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz truly inspired me to consider the priesthood as a legitimate option to serve God, the Church and our world.

The witness and example of Pope John Paul II also inspired me to seriously consider the priesthood. When I entered into seminary formation, I knew of only one Pope and the life and witness of Pope John Paul II showed me that the priesthood was not boring or irrelevant, but that the service and contribution of priests was needed more today than ever. He showed me that a commitment to faith and to preaching the Gospel means working towards unity, peace and the fullness of life, not only for Catholics, but for all within our society. I owe a great deal to the hope that Pope John Paul II gave, and continues to give to me and to our world.

I believe that I have been equipped with the resources required to come to know the People of God in a specific place, to preach the Gospel and give the Sacraments to the faithful in such a way that all of humanity will be drawn ever more closely into the life of Christ. Knowing that the faithful will be praying regularly for me and for all priests, that we will be holy, loving and truly good pastors and fathers after the Heart of Christ, is an affirming sign that the Priesthood is an important, necessary and worthy vocation and ministry in our world today.

## Collections Update from 28 April

Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners. Please note the new adjusted weekly targets in order to reach our budget.

<b>1st Collection (assists clergy):</b>	<b>\$1190</b>
<i>New 1st Collection weekly target to cover costs:</i>	<b>\$1300</b>
<b>2nd Collection (parish costs):</b>	<b>\$1531</b>
<i>New 2nd Collection weekly target to cover costs:</i>	<b>\$2350</b>

### DIRECT TRANSFER GIVING

Please consider using a direct recurring automatic transfer for Sunday offerings. It is a safe, secure process that each person can easily setup via their own online banking to give to the parish on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

**Parish First Collection Details:** BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04292002; Account Name: St Michael's Pastoral Revenue

**Parish Second Collection Details:** BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04295003; Account Name: St Michael's Church

Please use your envelope number (if you have one) as a reference for the transaction.

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal

### Upcoming Events

**Healing Service and Mass** Wed 8 May from 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Pymble

**A Day of Healing with Sr Margaret Scully** Sat 25 May from 9:00am to 4:30pm (Commences with Mass at 9:00am) at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield

## Mothers Day School Mass - next Friday

Next Friday 10 May, there will be a whole school Mass to celebrate Mothers Day. Mothers are invited to join with their child for breakfast in the school playgrounds from 8am, with Mass at 9.15am. Parishioners will host a cup of tea in the meeting room after Mass.

## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – has been abused, in any way, please contact the police.

Every Parish Priest is able to provide support and guidance in assisting a matter to be reported to the Police. The Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) is also able, ready and willing to assist during times of crisis.

## St Michael's Catholic Primary Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment applications are currently being accepted. Enrolment packs can be obtained from the school office by calling 9808 2658.

## A Day of Prayer for our wounded Church.

St Martha's Parish will hold a special day of prayer for the universal Church on **Saturday 11 May 2019 after the 9:10am Mass**. The Hours of the Divine Office will be prayed throughout the day and continue until 4:00pm with a short reflection before and after lunch (light refreshments will be served in the parish hall). The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office, is the official daily prayer of the Universal Church – marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day of prayer. We are the Church, we need to uphold our Church in prayer at this difficult and sad time and everyone is invited to attend for all or part of the day. Where: St Martha's Parish Church 70 Homebush Rd Strathfield.

## PULPIT POINTS 5-May

- We stand by Sri Lanka
- 2019 Federal Election Guide
- A drought of Catholic bachelors
- Movie review: Avengers: Endgame

## Good Bye to Father James

This week the Archbishop of Sydney wrote to several priests reassigning them to other parishes and other ministries within the Archdiocese. Fr James received a letter reassigning him from Meadowbank. The details of the parish where Fr James has been assigned will be announced at the Masses this weekend, as will the name of the new Parish Administrator to be appointed to Meadowbank. The Farewell for Fr James will occur on Pentecost Sunday 9 June. The new priest will celebrate Masses on 16 June and Fr James will return to celebrate the First Holy Communion Masses in late June.

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:

St Kevin's Church at Eastwood will be holding an 8 week bible program every Monday at 7pm, from May 6 to June 24. This program was run at Meadowbank in 2018 and was a great success. If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then please attend this bible course.

Registration is FREE: please contact the parish office 9874 2533 or [alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## St Michael's Playgroup returns for 2019

*Every Thursday during school term: 9.15am- 11am*

@ Fr Bush Memorial Parish Hall

Enjoy some time out with your baby, toddler or preschooler and make new friends! Everyone is welcome for a fun morning of free play, craft, singing, music and books! Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation.

## Stop, Pray and Reflect (SPaR) returns

*Every Friday during school term: 2.30pm- 3pm*

@ Fr John Alt Parish Meeting Room - All Welcome and free to attend whenever you can.

Take time out of your busy schedule to reflect on God's loving presence in our everyday life. This is a welcoming, open space for you to explore faith in a contemporary way.

There will be toys for children to play and a light afternoon tea will be provided prior to school pickup.

### Family Education Details

For questions about either Playgroup or SPaR, please contact Kirrily McDermott, Family Educator @St Michael's Primary School at [kirrily.mcdermott@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirrily.mcdermott@syd.catholic.edu.au).

Please follow the Family Educator Facebook page: Family, Faith and Wellbeing at St Michael's Primary School Meadowbank.

## Marist College Eastwood - Market Day - 26th May, 2019 - 9.30 am - 2.30 pm.

Marist College Eastwood are holding their annual Market Day, and are looking for donations for their White Elephant, Book, Clothing and Art and Craft stalls!!

Old books, Bric a Brac, Clothing and any hand made items will be gratefully accepted! Everything is welcome!!

Drop off days will be held at the School on Saturday 4th May and Saturday 11th May from 12pm-3pm.

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Roster: 11 / 12 May 2019**

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>5:00PM Vigil</b>	Jim Lemcke	Sunitha Victa Arthur Lee	1 Joseph J K 2 Carol Maher 3 David Doring 4 Henaa Jawher 5 Gemma Martin 6 Brian Maher
<b>8:00AM</b>	Stephen Topple	Jo-anne Peters Judith Orrock	Nora Gardner Norman Fairbairn
<b>10:00AM</b>	John Fillion	Jeremy Billings Charlene Harrison	1 Gloria Divine 2 Joan D'souza 3 Joel Tabuso 4 Lala Tabuso 5 Maureen Richardson 6 Celeste Villarente



**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

*Parish Weekly Mass Offerings*

**Tuesday 7th May 8:15am**

Mass of Remembrance for Roberto Bernardo

**Wednesday 8th May 9:15am**

Mass of Remembrance for Neville Gittany

**Thursday 9th May 9:15am**

Mass of Remembrance for Salvacion Valdez

**Friday 10th May 9:15am**

Mass of Remembrance for Gloria Galecio

**Saturday 11th May 9:15am**

10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Vinodh & Danima

**NOTE: Only one Mass offering is permitted per day.**

**Liturgy for this week (6 - 12 May 2019)**

**Sacraments:**

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:15pm-4.45pm (AEST)

**Devotions:**

**Mass for Catechists:** Every 1st Tuesday at 8:15am

**Prayer for Priests:** Every 1st Saturday at 8:45am

**First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion:** 1st Friday Mass at 7pm

**Morning Prayer:** Every Sunday at 7:35am

**Rosary:** 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)

**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

8:30am-9:15am every Friday

8:15am-9:15am every Saturday (with Benediction at 9.05am)

**Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet** - Wednesdays after AM Mass

**Weekday Services this week:**

9:15am - Monday: Communion Service

**8.15am: Weekday Mass: Tuesday**

9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday to Saturday

**Weekend Masses:**

5:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass (AEST)

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday Masses

(10am with Children's Liturgy during School Term)

**The Piety Stall** will be open after all Masses this weekend.

**New Roster for Readers & EOMHC.**

Please pick up new roster from the foyer of the church.

**Pentecost Multicultural Luncheon & Farewell for Fr James**

To celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the spread of the Gospel to all nations, and as a farewell and goodbye to Fr James as he moves to his new appointment, there will be a Parish-wide multicultural luncheon held on **Sunday 9 June from 11.15am in the Fr Bush Memorial Hall** and surrounding areas.

Book your calendar and start planning your participation and who you could invite to join us on the day! Come in traditional dress, bring different cultural flags, share food, drinks and desserts from your culture, play traditional music and share traditional dances - all to celebrate the joy of Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

If you are interested in being involved in preparing the day, please contact the Parish Office.

**Charitable Works Fund Appeal This Weekend**

During May, our parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting the Archdiocese of Sydney's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Our quota for May is \$3,800, which is about \$40 per active envelope. Appeal envelopes will be provided. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

**Church Cleaning, Altar Linen & Flowers**

We have a great team of helpers who arrange flowers, clean and vacuum the church on a weekly basis. We always need more help. Contact Marie Bennett on 0447 830 551 to volunteer.

Flowers cost about \$100 per week. Please consider donating to the Altar Society. Donation boxes are at the church doors or can be made through the Parish Office.

**Church Cleaners Roster for May**

Henna, Sarah Magsakay, Colleen MaGuire & Sue Lobo. LINEN: Ancy Joy (Weekly) Carolyn Thomas (End of Month)

**Consider becoming a Catechist**

Ring Judith Orrock on 98742825 if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

**Are you new to the Parish?**

Welcome. It is great to have you here. Please make our parish your home. Feel welcome to share experiences and ministries from your previous parish with our community. Please complete a parish registration & census form at the office. Consider volunteering and joining the parish planned giving.